

bleſſing. Rebecca ſaid to Jacob, I am afraid your brother Eſau intends to kill you; therefore, my ſon, go to your uncle Laban, and ſtay with him a few days, till your brother's anger is blown over. Laban had two daughters. Leah, the eldeſt, was very plain, but Rachael, the youngeſt, was very handſome. Jacob fell in love with Rachael, and aſked Laban to give her to him in marriage: who ſaid to him, I will give you my daughter Rachael, if you will be my ſervant for ſeven years. Jacob conſented to it, and he loved Rachael ſo well, that ſeven years appeared to him but as ſo many days. At the end of this time he thought he had married Rachael: but Laban deceived him, and put his daughter Leah into the bed. As Jacob went without a candle, he did not perceive that his father-in-law had cheated him; but in the morning, when it was day-light, he was ſorely vexed. Laban ſaid to him, It is not cuſtomary in this country to marry the youngeſt

youngeſt before the eldeſt; but if you will ſerve me ſeven years longer, in a week's time I will give you Rachael. Jacob conſented to it; and at the end of that time Laban deſired he would continue with him longer, and promiſed him a great reward. But he only ſought to deceive him; yet that did not hinder Jacob from becoming very rich. He did not love his wife Leah: ſo God had compaſſion on her. He gave her a great number of children, and Rachael had not any. At length, however, ſhe had one ſon, who was named Joſeph. At this Jacob left his father-in-law, Laban, and returned to his own country. But before he was arrived there, he was informed that his brother Eſau was coming with a great number of armed men to meet him. He was ſadly frightened, but God ſent an angel to encourage him: and Jacob made preſents to his brother to appeaſe his anger.

*Mademoiſelle.* Come, Miſs Julia, tell us your hiſtory.

H 3

*Miſs*